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SUBJECT: ALLON VISIT - MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS

1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR COHEN REGARDS ALLON VISIT AS VERY SUCCESSFUL BOTH IN TERMS OF ATMOSPHERE AND SUBSTANCE. HE SAID ROMANIANS OUTDID THEMSELVES ON HOSPITALITY IN EFFORT TO CREATE BEST POSSIBLE IMPRESSION AND THAT ALLON AND CEAUSESCU HIT IT OFF WELL AS DID ALLON AND MACOVESCU. COHEN BELIEVES ROMANIANS WERE INTERESTED IN DEMONSTRATING BOTH THEIR GENERAL INDEPENDENCE AS WELL AS PROBABLY REDRESSING IMPRESSIONS OF TOO PRO-ARAB A STANCE ENGENDERED OUT OF EXTENSIVE ROMANIAN-ARAB CONTACTS IN PAST MONTHS.

2. COHEN FELT SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN POINTS WERE REASONS FOR BOTH SIDES' AGREEMENT ON COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO OTHERWISE WELL KNOWN IMPORTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE AND OVERUSE OF FORCE. ROMANIANS STRESSED THEIR CURRENTLY MORE UNCOMFORTABLE RELATIONS WITH THEIR WARSAW PACT/CEMA ALLIES AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN APPROACH TO PROBLEMS DESPITE PRESSURES, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHILE ISRAELIS EMPHASIZED THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO BE GUIDED

BY THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND NOT BOW TO PRESSURES EITHER.
ALLON IN FACT PREPARED FURTHER COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE WHICH
RECORDED BOTH COUNTRIES' OPPOSITION TO "THE ANACHRONISTIC
POLICY OF PRESSURE AND DICTATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS".
OTHER COMMUNIQUE ITEM OF INTEREST, ACCORDING TO COHEN,
WAS MACOVESCU'S PORPOSAL TO ADD CONCEPT OF "SECURE" TO
STANDARD PHRASE OF "JUST AND LASTING PEACE".

3. ROMANIANS PRESSED ONLY GENTLY FOR SOME ROLE IN RECONVENED
GENEVA CONFERENCE WHILE ISRAELIS STUCK TO THE IDEA THAT TOO
MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH. ROMANIANS ALSO PUSHED RECOGNITION
OF PLO BUT LESS STRONGLY THAN EXPECTED BECAUSE, IN COHEN'S
OPINION, THEY MAY HAVE SOME SENSE THAT ARABS THEMSELVES MAY
BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT PUTTING ALL EGGS IN PLO
BASKET AND CUTTING HUSSEIN OUT.

4. COHEN WAS NOT PRESENT DURING CEAUSESCU'S FOUR-HOUR
TALK WITH ALLON BUT UNDERSTANDS IT COVERED BASICALLY SOME
TOPICS AS DID DELEGATION TALKS. HE SAID THERE WERE NO
SPECIFIC ROMANIAN OFFERS OF GOOD OFFICES OR PASSING ON OF
PORPOSALS FROM THE ARAB SIDE. NEITHER SIDE RAISED POSSIBILITY
OF A CEAUSESCU VISIT TO ISRAEL.

5. COHEN ALSO MENTIONED THAT MACOVESCU WILL BE VISITING
EGYPT LATER IN JUNE.
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